

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Applicant has canceled original claims 1-6 in favor of new claims 7-14 which are intended to present claims in proper form and language and to encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention notwithstanding applicant's belief that the claims 1-6 would have been allowable as originally filed. Claims 7-14 correspond to amended claims 1-6 which were part of the original International PCT application PCT/EP2004/006138 and have been determined by the International Bureau as having novelty and inventiveness. Accordingly, applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel.

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it in proper form and language. A substitute specification which includes all the foregoing changes to the specification (other than the claims) is enclosed herewith.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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